

Washington, D.C - Today, the **New Democrat Coalition Education Task Force**, led by co-chairs

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representatives Susan Davis

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Jared Polis

(CO-2), released the statement below following the release of the Senate Moderate Democrats Working Group's A Call for Urgency: Statement of Principles to fix the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA):

"As our economy continues to stabilize and we work to achieve economic growth that is sustainable in the long-term, we cannot overlook the need to make reforms to our education system. The framework released today by the Senate Moderate Democrats Working Group takes the important step of detailing principles to reform ESEA to achieve our shared goal of ensuring every American child receives a quality, well-rounded education that fully prepares them to succeed in the future.

"As leaders of the New Dem Education Task Force, we are committed to bringing about change to our K-12 education system. Change that will encourage innovation, reward excellence, and provide all American students with a first-rate education so they enter college and the workforce fully prepared.

"We applaud the efforts of the Senate Moderate Democrats Working Group in designing A Call for Urgency and look forward to working with our colleagues in the House, Senate and the Administration to reform ESEA to meet the needs of the next generation of American workers."

□ The New Democrat Coalition is a Coalition of 43 moderate members of the U.S. House of Representatives who are dedicated to the prosperity and security of American families and business. Founded in 1997, the NDC provides Members of Congress with the opportunity to advance a common sense policy agenda focused on empowering the U.S. to grow economically and maintain a vibrant job market, preserving the U.S. standing as the world's leader in innovation and technological advancement, and strengthening our economic and national security. For more information, visit the New Dems website at <http://ndc.crowley.house.gov>.

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